MY HOME ON N. SPRING STREET, WILMINGTON, O.

INTERIOR OF SHOP, SHOWING BENCHES, &c., &c.

NOTICE.

REPAIR WORK.

THERE is no spur-maker who likes to do repair work—not because it is "hard work and poor pay," but because it is hardly ever satisfactory. No one can temper a finished spur as well as before they are pointed. Then, gaffs of various makes are sent to me to reset, straighten up and temper. There is no way of knowing what kind of steel they are made of, as different grades of steel all have to be treated differently. While I will do my very best on such work, my best advice is DON'T depend too much on repaired gaffs.

EXCHANGES.

FOR various reasons cockers often find that old gaffs which they have, are not adapted to their requirements, hence they

wish to make an exchange for new ones. As I offer for sale none but NEW ONES of my own manufacture, it is impossible for me to use any second-hand gaffs and in consequence would ask to be excused from any sort of a proposition involving a trade. - - - -

RUSH ORDERS.

DURING the year I have made and sold over 400 pairs of gaffs, some of my orders coming from the remote corners of the earth. Through the busy season a week never passes when I fail to get one or more "hurry orders." To avoid disappointment do not wait until the "last minute" before forwarding your order but anticipate your needs sufficiently to allow your order to reach you by the required time even though there may be several orders ahead of it, as all orders are filled in their turn. - - - - -

. . . WHEN ORDERING MENTION CIRCULAR NO. 17. . . .

Descriptive CATALOGUE and PRICE LIST of High Grade STEEL GAFFS

NO. 17

HAND-MADE BY

W. C. GREGORY, - WILMINGTON, O.

TO THE FRATERNITY

In offering this, my 17th Catalogue to the fraternity, I do so with the utmost confidence in my ability to produce work that will not only please my patrons in every respect, but also prove to be the means of advancing the reputation of my Gaffs in every locality in which they are used.

In quoting prices on the individual patterns shown in this circular, I have endeavored to keep within the bounds of reason. However, the prices named are for the very highest class of work which would be no better if I charged twice as much. Special Gaffs with odd shaped flanges or sockets can be supplied, but as new dies are necessary which I would never be likely to use again, I am obliged to make prices on such orders a matter of correspondence.

I will greatly appreciate the favor if these special orders can be placed during the summer or fall, as during the busy season I am always rushed to the utmost, and cannot give such work the prompt attention that I should like.

I would also ask my patrons thoroughly to satisfy themselves as to the style Gaff they want before ordering, for while it is my endeavor to please every purchaser in every respect, I cannot in justice to myself make exchanges.

My Gaffs are made of one solid piece of steel, no soldering or brazing, and the steel is the best procurable—sockets on all Drops will be 7-16 long, Regulation and Half Drops will be from 7-16 to 9-16 long with 7-16 hole. Every pair will be leathered with the best leather for the purpose, and ready to tie on.

I will warrant every new pair neither to bend or break in battle for six months.

My long experience in this work has brought me in touch with nearly all of the professionals, and it is highly gratifying to me to know that my work has given them entire satisfaction. When you have described your wants, I believe that I can fill your order in every detail as to set, shape, weight etc., etc.

Old spurs reset and tempered, polished and leathered for about $1, owing to the work on them, but no guarantee goes with repair work. I only warrant my own work.

Would say, that to parties desiring first-class game fowls, I can generally furnish same in limited numbers, and do not care to exchange Gaffs for either fowls or eggs.

Orders usually filled in from 2 to 6 days. Please give me plenty of time, however, especially in December, January, February and March.

How to Send Money—Send money by P. O. Money Order, Express Money Order or Registered Letter. Goods shipped C. O. D. only when $1.00 is advanced to insure Express charges, but this makes an unnecessary expense to the buyer, as it costs as much to return the money as to get the goods. I mail gaffs in good boxes and they are rarely lost. If lost they can easily be traced.

Write you name and address plainly. I have received orders with name signed but address omitted. In such cases I cannot be prompt.

Carefully describe what you want, give number and length and directions as to height of point and side set. Length of blade is often omitted in orders.

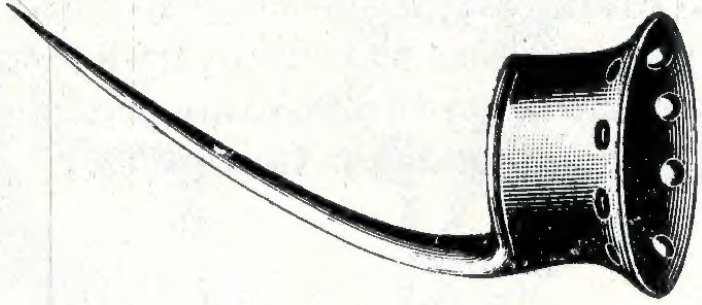
The Manufacture of Steel Gaffs

Has resolved itself into a business that requires the sharpest kind of attention to keep abreast of the popular demand for up-to-date Heels—Heels that will win the major part of the money. Old ideas and old methods have been superseded by better ones, although there are undoubtedly Gaff makers at the present time who still resort to the alcohol flame for tempering.

My SPECIAL concave flange the hollow of which fits perfectly to the leg of the cocks has proven a most popular feature.

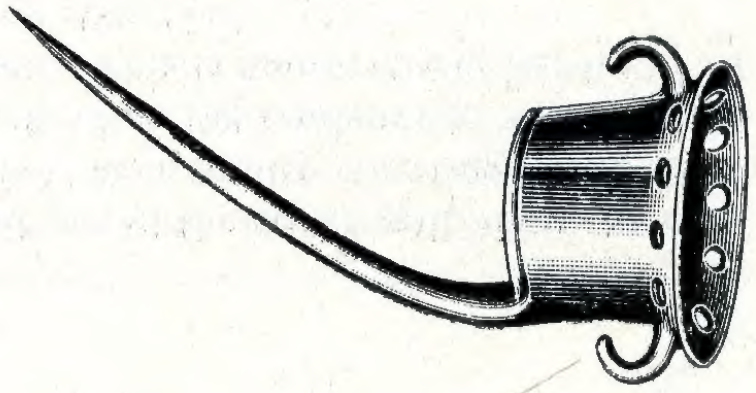
While there are no patented ideas or secrets about the manufacture of Steel Gaffs the amateur cocker could very easily be led to believe, from the claims of certain egotistical people, that there really existed a particular set or other feature that was unknown to, or could not be legally copied or imitated by other makers. Such claims are usually accompanied by wild guarantees which really mean nothing and which are not made good in case of broken or bent Gaffs. In the purchase of Gaffs as with any other commodity it is the natural desire to get the best the market affords, for the least money, and especially where a man buys several pairs of Gaffs, as many of my patrons have, they can hardly feel justified in paying half as much again or double what they are worth.

I have hundreds of testimonials. If I were to print them I could have a very large catalogue. The few that I print in this circular are from a good source. I invite you to write to any of them and see if they are not genuine.



NO. 1

NEW YORK REGULATION, a very light heel, socket 3/8 long with 7-16 hole, used mostly in 1 1/4 length. PRICE $4.00



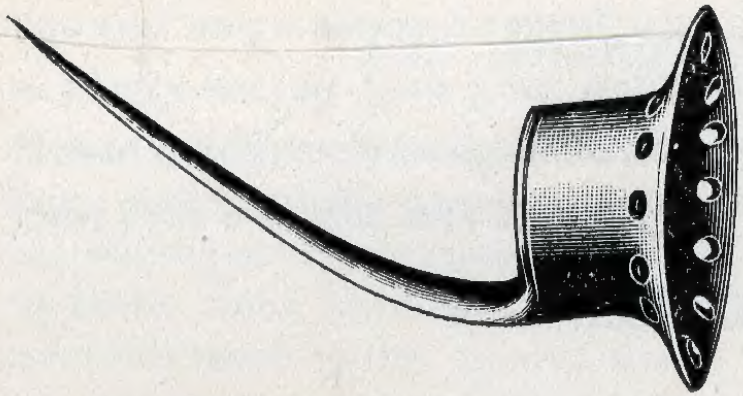
NO. 2

A REGULATION, string pins above and below socket 7-16 long, 7-16 hole, polished inside and out, leathered complete.

PRICE $4.00

A "NEW YORK REGULATION"

must have a socket only 3/8 of an inch long. In some sections of the East this style is used entirely. Any of my patterns of Regulations with sockets cut to 3/8 of an inch in length are fair New York Regulations. In some sections any length sockets are allowed, and a socket 9-16 long with a 7-16 hole is most popular.



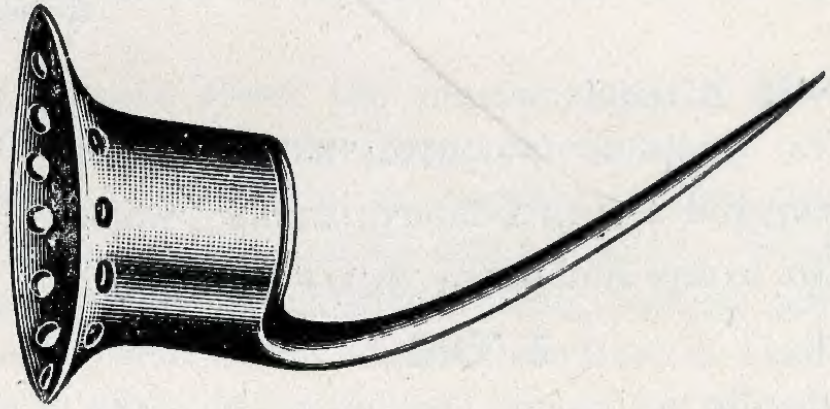
NO. 3

This is JOHN MACKIN'S CHOICE, 7-16 hole, socket 7-16 long, a nice Gaff of Regulation pattern. PRICE $5.00

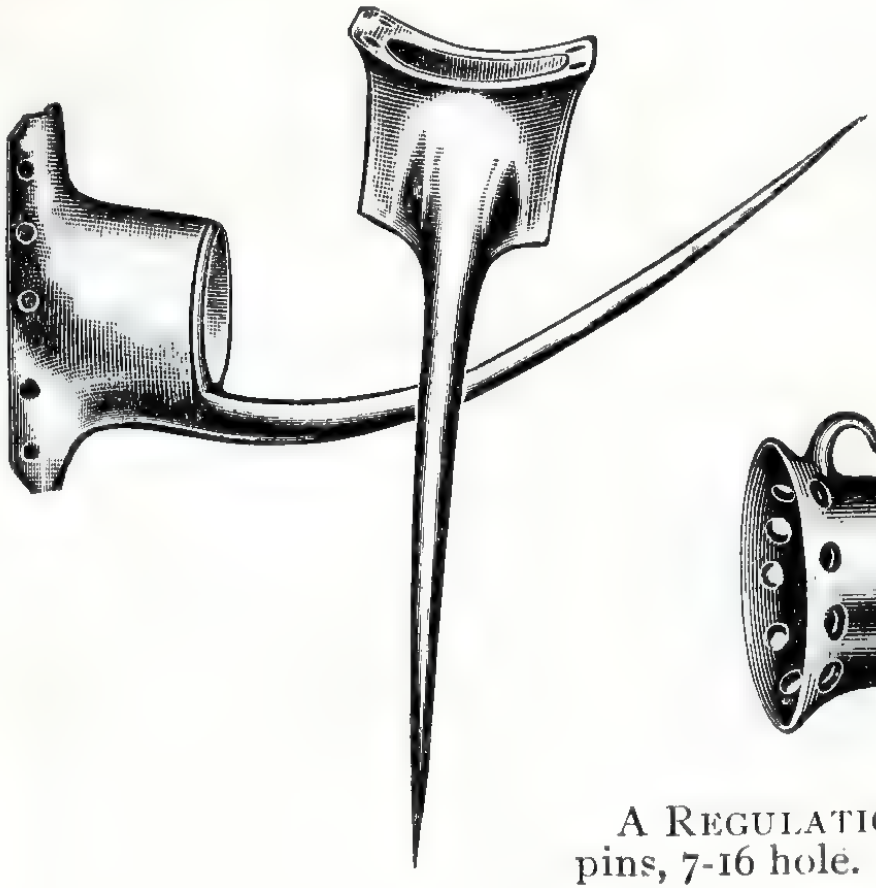
NO. 4

Same as No. 3 except socket is 9-16 long, made any length blade.

Complete for $5.00

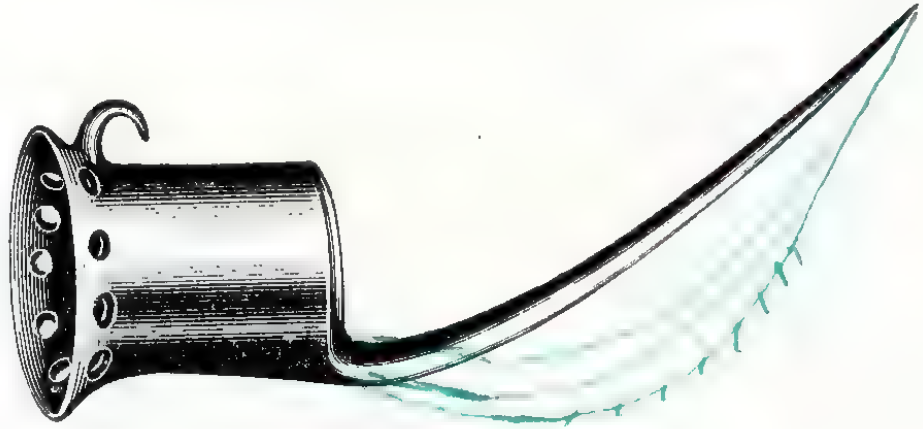


Occasionally it happens in a cock fight that one of the cocks will show to considerable advantage as far as action is concerned but in reality is cutting low or short and finally looses. In cases of this kind it is very often the tendency to criticise the cutting qualities of the Heels worn by the looser. This is manifestly unfair for in all probability the cock could not have cut with any style Gaff.



NO. 5

A REGULATION Heel, socket 7-16 long, 7-16 hole, hollowed out to fit the leg, easy tied on and stays in place, made from 1¼ inch to any length. Leathered, all complete. PRICE $5.00



NO. 6

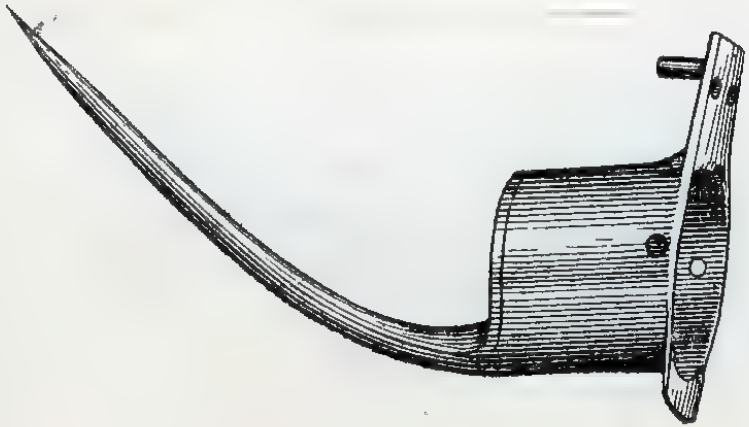
A REGULATION, socket ⅝ long, with or without string pins, 7-16 hole. PRICE $5.00

Table Grove, Ill., April 2, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY,

Dear Sir—I won stag main at Quincy April 1, 1903, by a score of 5 to 2, using your Regulation Gaffs in all fights. I consider them the best cutters I ever used and will use your Gaffs in all fights in the near future. Your improved socket is a great improvement. Wishing you success I am, Yours truly,

A. KOHLER.



NO. 7

REGULATION—This is one of the lightest Gaffs made. It is flat at base of socket, and has a string pin that holds the string from slipping. All leathered complete for $4.00

NO. 8

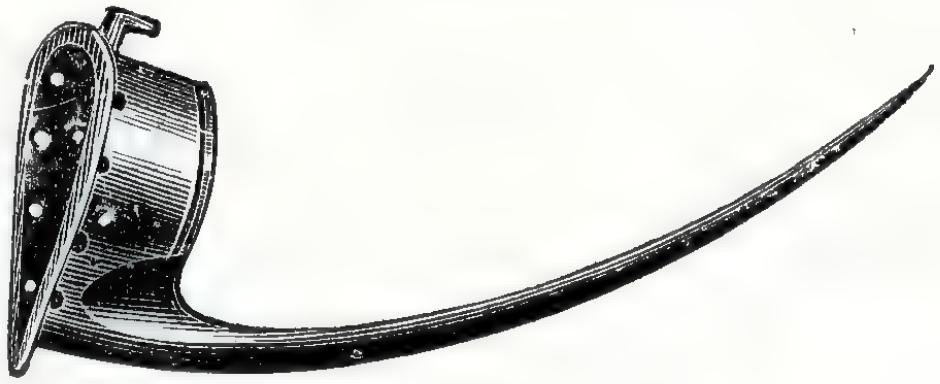
Here is my FAVORITE pattern, socket 7-16 to 9-16 long, base is hollowed out to fit the leg, easy to tie on and stays in place. You can't tie it on wrong. PRICE $5.00

Cleveland, O., April 14, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, O.

Dear Sir—The last pair of 1¼ Heels I got of you were (like all you have made for me) A 1 in every respect. We used them against Perrott, an old cocker, and won the first five fights in the main. Have also used your Drop Socket Heels against Pennsylvania parties and have won the majority of fights with them. Yours truly,

E. A. BROWN, 300 Ansel Ave.



NO. 9

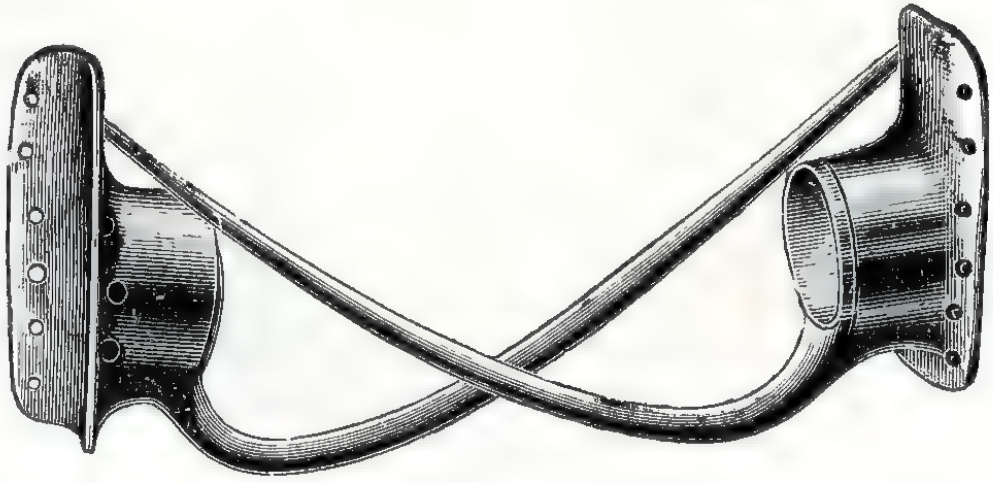
HALF DROP—A nice pattern and good cutter. All complete.

PRICE $5.00

NO. 10

HALF DROP—This pair of Half Drops were made, for and now owned by Geo. W. Means, of Concord, N. C., (the Red Cuban man). They are 2 inches long. This Heel is fine to use on stags, as they could be heeled if there was no natural heel at all. This is an extra fine pattern, leathered and all complete.

PRICE $5.00



Concord, N. C., June 23, 1903.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I consider Mr. W. C. Gregory, Wilmingon Ohio, the best Gaff maker in America today, he knows how to SET them, he uses the best steel, gives them the best temper for endurance, and the finish is surpassed by none. I speak from experience for I have used all his lengths from 1¼ to 3 inches, and every style except the "Cincinnati."

Respectfully,

GEO. W. MEANS.

NO. 11

HALF DROP, with round base, with string pin. This heel can be twisted on leg to throw the point in or out, usually made from 1¾ to 2½, leathered ready to tie on.

PRICE $5.00

NO. 12

HALF DROP, similar to No. 11 except has a flange extending up the leg. Complete for $5.00

Wylie, Texas, June 6, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Dear Sir—The 2¼ Drop Sockets I got from you are first-class Gaffs in every particular. They won 9 out 11 last fights used in. I will send order for another pair before next season opens.

Yours truly, A. M. WATKINS.

NO. 13

HALF DROP, socket 7-16 long 7-16 hole, flat on base, made any length blade. PRICE $5.00

NO. 14

HALF DROP, similar to No. 13, flat on base, well made in every way. PRICE $5.00

Sumpter, S. C., May 11, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Esq., Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir—I gave the 2½ fine Drop Gaffs bought of you a thorough test and find them extra good cutters—superior to some I paid double the price for. If a cock will use his legs at all your heels will cut, and with a shuffling cock and your Gaffs I can come very near winning. They are not only superior cutters but show fine workmanship, being very light and yet most durable. Thanking you for your promptness and assuring you of my appreciation, I beg to remain,

Very truly,
JNO. T. REID.

NO. 15

HALF DROP, hollowed out to fit the leg, well made in every way, a splendid pattern, any length. PRICE $5.00

NO. 16

HALF DROP—A very old pattern, flat at base, socket 7-16 long 7-16 hole, rim extends above and below. Some people want them and I have to make them but they are not "in it" with those that are hollowed out to fit the leg. Made any length desired.

Complete for $5.00

West Nashville, Tenn., May 4, 1903.

MR. W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington. Ohio.

Dear Sir—I am sorry to say that I have overlooked acknowledging the receipt of the Gaffs that you sent me. Please excuse me this time for I appreciate the prompt delivery you made for me and I will always know where to go when I want to get the best Gaff on the market. I had good luck with the Gaffs and cocks together for they have won every time they were tied on. I am very truly yours, O. G. BRIGHT.

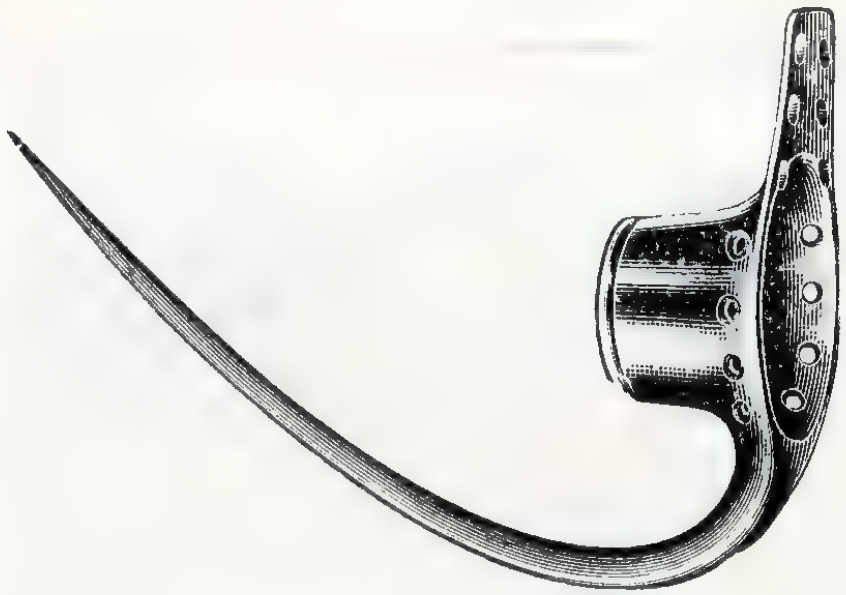
Drop Socket Gaffs

of the more or less extreme patterns have long been popular with cockers preferring Long Heel fighting. In case of the Full Drops where we find the largest amount of actual blade area it is a matter of no little importance to have the weight distributed properly. You often hear the remark that "some cocks could cut with any kind of a Gaff tied to them," but from the shape of the Full Drops that I have been asked to repair and mate, it is indeed difficult to figure how they could possibly do much execution. There are numerous features about the manufacture of Drop Socket Gaffs which I have given particular attention, and I have no hesitancy in claiming for my Drops all of the requisites of an ideal Gaff.

NO. 17

DROP SOCKET, flat on base, flange extends well up the leg, good in from 2 to 2½ inches, leathered complete. PRICE $5.00

(I got this cut from Mr. Helwig.)



NO. 18

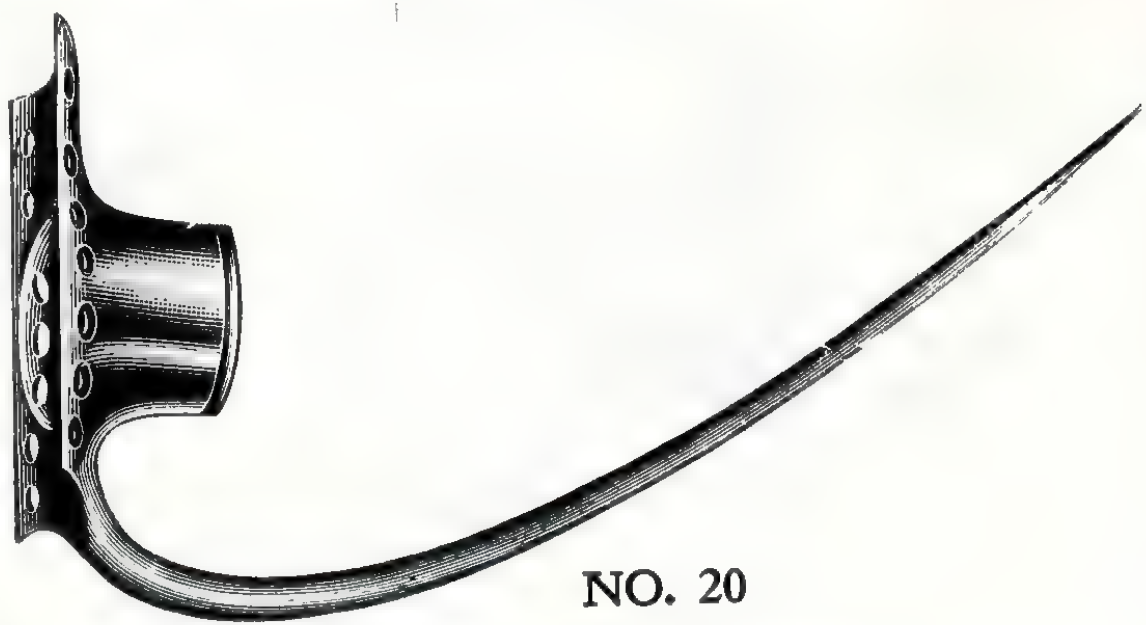
DROP SOCKET—Similar to No. 17, made in from 1½ inches up. PRICE $5.00

This cut was made merely to show RIGHT and LEFT and not as a correct set. I have often had Gaffs sent to me asking if they were for the right or left leg to decide a bet, so I decided to show them here.

Left—NO. 19—Right

Improved Socket and Flange.

The following cuts show my Improved Socket and Flange used on Drop Sockets. It is hollowed out to fit down on the leg and has considerable surface below the Spur where all the pressure comes on the leg. This Gaff is easy to tie on and stays in place.



NO. 20

Here is What Col. Grist Thinks of This Pattern:

Fort Gaines, Ga., Aug. 30, 1901.

MR. W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—The Gaffs arrived last night, and I cannot better express my satisfaction than in telling you to make me three more pairs. Several years ago it was my pleasure to compliment you on the fine workmanship of your Gaffs, and later I had the opportunity of giving your work a severe test proving the temper. The importance of good cutting Gaffs is too often overlooked by the cocker; "just any old thing" for Heels has lost many battles for cocks that good Gaffs would have won. This is an age of progress, and you have well kept pace with the times in your improvement in Gaff making. I have never seen better workmanship on Heels, and your improved socket will meet the approval of every cocker; it is the greatest improvement I have seen in thirty years. You have my pattern, and with your improved Socket it makes an ideal Gaff.

Respectfully, F. E. GRIST.

NO. 21

My IMPROVED DROP, made any length desired. Complete for $5.00

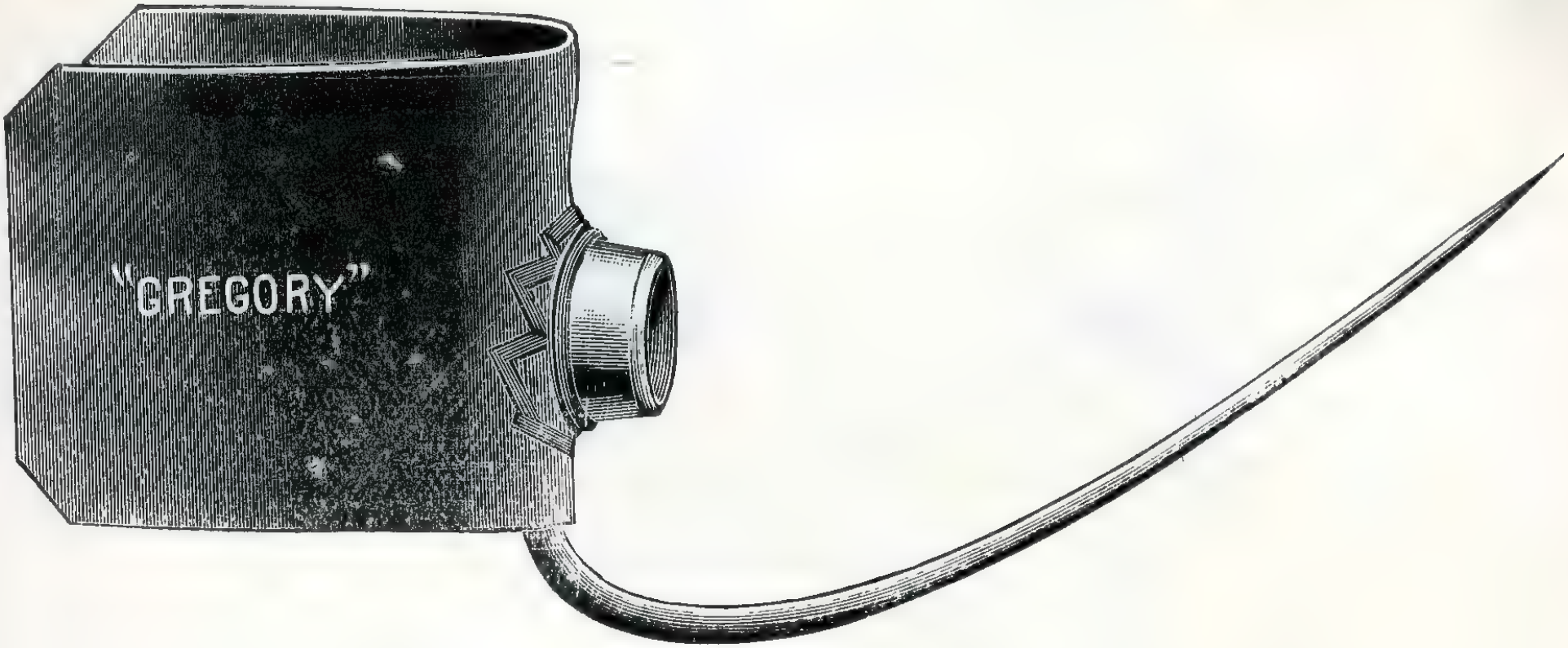
NO. 22

Similar to No. 21 but showing different set, leathered ready to tie on.

PRICE $5.00

NO. X
Price $5.00

NO. 23
Price $5.00



NO. 24

Here they are as you get them ready to tie on. A signed guarantee goes with each pair. They are as light, well finished and set as any Gaff on the market. PRICE $5.00

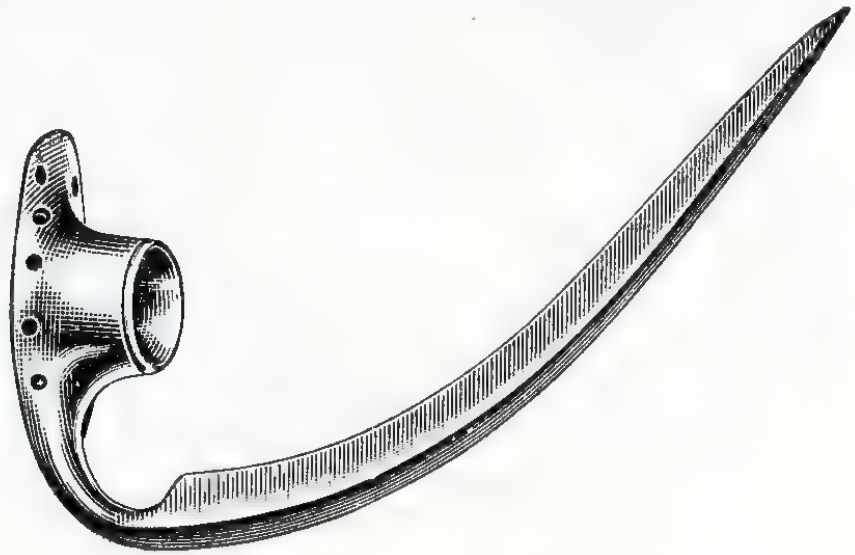
Larkhill, West Derby, Liverpool, England, May 14, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY,

Dear Sir—The box with 4 pair of Steel Spurs arrived safe last night. My brother and I are delighted with them. They are an exact copy of the old pattern and for neatness and finish I have never seen any work to equal them. I expect that I will get you more orders when the Spurs you have sent us are seen by our cockers. Yours sincerely, B. H. JONES.

Slashers.

A SLASHER made with a good socket such as I show on this page is a great improvement over the old style Mexican Slasher. One is a Full Back Drop and the other a Front Drop, made with any length of blade, and curve or side set, well polished and sharpened to a razor edge. PRICE $3.50 EACH.



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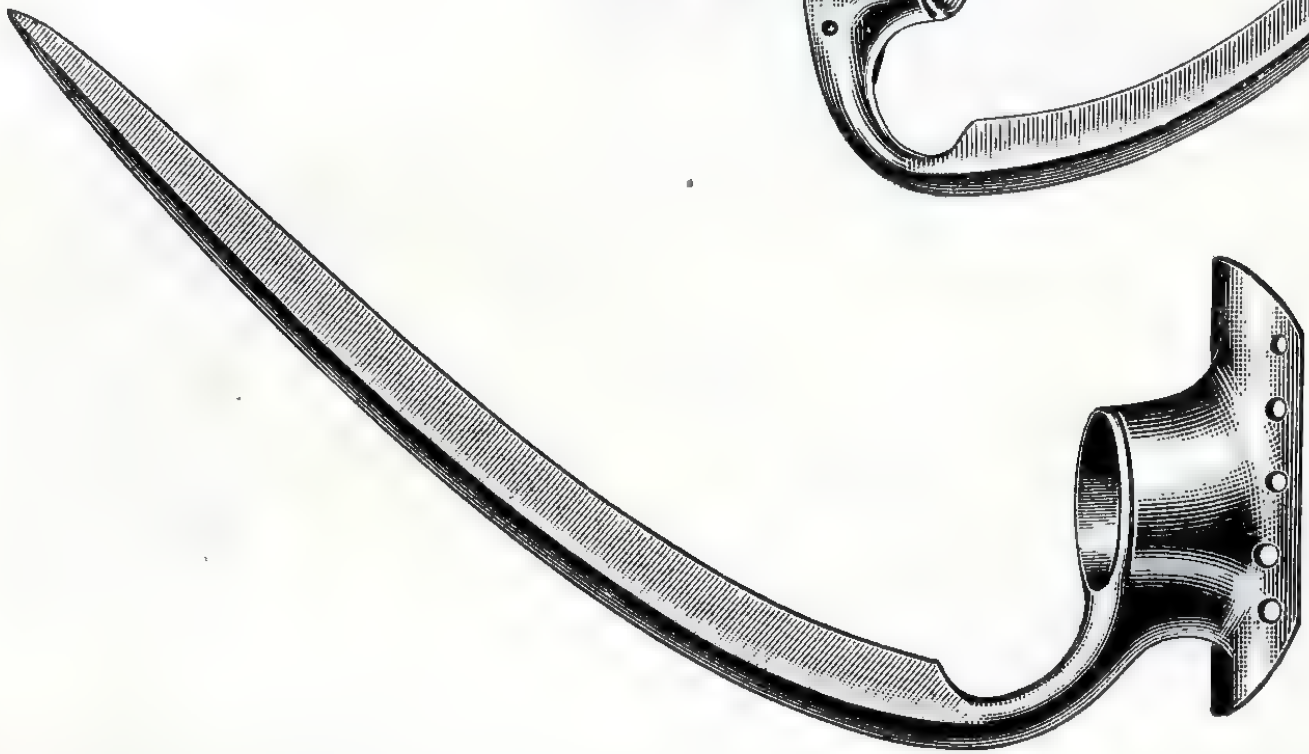


NO. 26

NO. 27

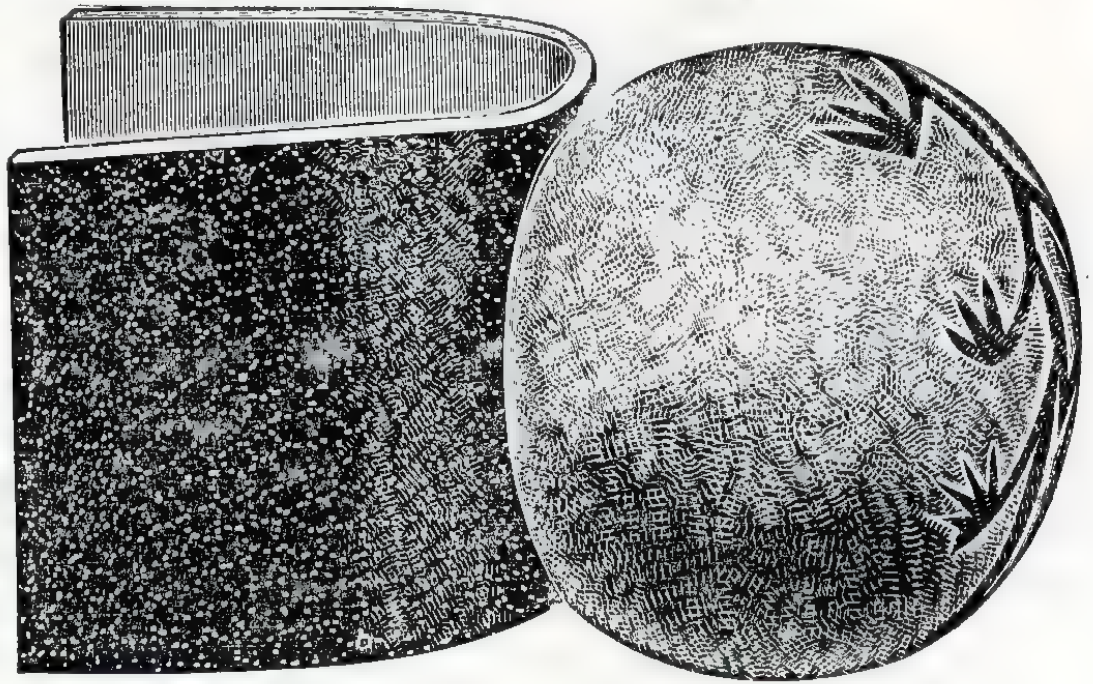
CINCINNATI — Some people like this pattern, but I don't recommend them because they are so narrow where all the pressure comes on the leg. Socket 7-16 long, ⅜ to 7-16 hole.

PRICE $5.00

SPARRING MUFFS

The Muff is made of chamois skin and stuffed with wool. It is leathered like a gaff so it can be fastened on firm. These Muffs are made to last and are giving satisfaction.

Price in Sets of Four, $1



Free to Patrons.

To all persons ordering Gaffs I will send free of charge a set of complete and valuable rules in concise sheet form for Conditioning and Heeling cocks for battle. These rules embody an up-to-date method for preparing cocks for battle, and give a clear idea of the art of Heeling. The author of these rules has used them most successfully, and since I have sent them out in printed form I have heard none but words of praise for their practical worth.

Derby, Ind., April 20, 1900.

BRO. GREGORY:—As to your rules, I find them to be the best I have ever seen. No amateur should be without them. Your Heels have always suited me. They do good work for me and please my customers. That's all I ask of you. Am also glad to learn that you are devoting your whole time making Heels, and of course, pleased to learn you are making a great success. Is Derby Game Bird doing its part? With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,
ALEX. W. C.

Corsicana, Texas, May 28, 1903.

MR. W. C. GREGORY,

Dear Sir:—I saw your Gaffs at Dallas, Tex., win 4 straight fights against what was considered the best Gaffs made. I can with pleasure recommend your Gaffs to be fine and the best cutters I have ever used. You shall have my future orders.

Very truly,
W. B. GRANTHAM,
Constable Precinct No. 1.

Notes to Remember.

I get all kinds of letters asking all manner of questions. It would be impossible to get up a circular answering them all. Read these NOTES carefully and probably it will save you time and stamps.

NO REDUCTION IN PRICE—I have put my prices down so low that I cannot make any reduction if two or more pairs are taken at one time; but I will promise whatever number you buy, YOU WILL GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH.

SEND THE PATTERN—I don't keep the SET of every pair I make, it takes too much time. If you want a pair made like some others I have made, don't expect me to remember just how they are set, but send me the pattern.

HOW TO ORDER—In ordering give number of Circular, and number of Gaff wanted. Don't tear out a leaf and send me; keep the circular, you will need it again. State what length of socket, length of blade, whether well curved or not; if side set is desired, how much.

MATING ODD SPURS—I often receive inquiries like this: "I have an odd Spur; what will you charge me to mate it?" Not knowing what kind of Spur it is, I cannot say what it would be worth until I see it. To all I would say, send the Spur with the inquiry and I will give you a price that will be reasonable.

GIVE ME ALL THE TIME YOU CAN—While I aim to be prompt and fill orders as soon as I possibly can, there are times when I get way behind. Sometimes there will be several days without an order, then there may a half dozen or more come at once. Give me all the time you can, and don't get uneasy if a week should pass without hearing from me.

LEATHERS RIVITED ON—Anyone that prefers leathers rivited on will please mention it in their order. It makes a good and nice job, smooth inside of socket, but some would have trouble in releathering them.

MENTION HOW CHICKENS FIGHT—A shuffling cock will do most damage with a blade well curved, while a sparring cock is more dangerous with a straight blade. So it will be best to give me an idea how they fight. Cocks rarely shuffle without a bill hold and when they are fought at night they are not likely to spar as long as in daylight.

RESET OR RETEMPERED HEELS NOT WARRANTED—I would suggest that you be entirely satisfied as to what you want before you order and to never have a Heel reset or retempered, for no man can temper a finished Heel as well as before they are pointed. It is an easy way to make a dollar but is hardly ever satisfactory. So hereafter, anyone that wants such work done, I will do my best for them but will not warrant them to stand.

THE TESTIMONIALS in this Circular are from the most successful cockers in the country—men that make it a business, and should KNOW what they are talking about.

Phillipsburg, Center Co., Pa., May 16, 1900.

W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—The two pair of 1¾ and 2 inch Gaffs received from you last December have given entire satisfaction. I have used them since in 9 battles and won 8 of them, loosing the 5th battle. I think they are well set and tempered. For cutting Gaffs, as well as mechanical workmanship, they are excelled by none. This makes five pair bought of you and never had one to bend or break. Yours respectfully,

FRANK W. GRELE.

To The Amateur.

There are a great many things the old cockers won't tell you—they know many things that I CAN'T tell you, but I will try to give you some hints about spurs that may be to your advantage. In some sections only one and one quarter Regulations are used; in others, other lengths and styles. In Chicago 1½ inch heels are almost invariably used; in the South from 2 inch to 3 inch are used.

I would say to the beginner, don't order Spurs too long. I think 2½ inch long enough for any cock to use. There are not near so many long heels ordered now as there were 10 years ago. A Regulation style is better in lengths from 1¼ to 1¾; Cincinnati, 1½ to 2¼; Half Drop, 1½ to 2¼; Full Drop, 1¾ to 3 inches. I would prefer a short blade without ANY side set, that is not made rights and lefts.

If you don't know just what you want, and will leave it to me, I will do my best to send you a good cutter, such as would please Mr. Grist, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Means and others. It is to my interest to send you good Gaffs, better if possible than you can get elsewhere. If you feel uncertain about whether I would treat you right or not, read over some of my testimonials and remember that such gentlemen would not have sent them to me if they did not know that I can and will do all I claim in this circular.

Derby, Ind., Jan. 19, 1901.

Friend Greg:—The heels arrived to-night. They are certainly beauties. I never saw a better job of work in my life. This shows that a first-class Heel can be made for less than $10.00. You know that I handle quite a lot of Heels every year, and I have seen enough of 'em used in my days to know what a good Heel is when I see one. Well, I wish you the success which honorable dealings deserve.

Your Friend Truly, CUMMINGS.

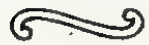
Long and Short Heels.

A great many cockers, and especially amateurs, possess the somewhat erroneous impression that the Spur maker is a storehouse of knowledge regarding all that pertains to the heeling of cocks—a sort of bureau of information, as it were, from whom all the intricacies of cocking, the heeling of cocks and the manifold questions of the lengths, styles and sets of Heels, definite and accurate information should be forthcoming on the shortest notice and without the slightest hesitency. There are in truth no grounds for such impression as the Spur maker learns first of all that there is great diversity of opinion regarding all these matters, and that if he is to ply his trade successfully he must be ready to cater to the wishes of his patrons, and to furnish the fraternity the styles and lengths of Heels occasion demands, according to the tastes and notions (peculiar or otherwise) of his customers. Many of the questions alluded to have long been mooted ones and, so long as there are many men of many minds, probably always will be. I will therefore not attempt in this brief Circular to "settle" any of these matters.

As regards the length of Spurs certain cocks should wear I will simply give certain general rules that are fast gaining ground among intelligent cockers of experience and with which my own personal experience prompts me to agree. These rules are: 1st, that slow cocks should never fight in Long Heels, no matter what their style of battle; 2nd, that shuffling or body-fighters should be armed with Long Heels, while the head-hitting cock should be fought in short ones. In the head a 1¼ inch Heel will kill as quickly as one 3 inches long, but in the body (except in certain spots) the Short Heel is not nearly so fatal as the long. The reasons are obvious. To prove the correctness of this theory don't be guided by one battle, but by a series

of battles, using for experiment's sake the extremes of the two kinds of cocks mentioned, that is, pronounced shufflers on the one hand and strictly head-hitters on the other. As to cocks exhibiting a variety of styles of fighting the cocker must be governed by his own judgment.

I quote from Mr. F. H. Graves, Viroqua, Wis., as good an authority on this subject as I know of. He says in part: "During an experience of over twenty-five years fighting cocks and watching them in battle I have noted that as a rule the shuffling cock does best in Long Heels, and the real head-hitting kinds are most successful in Short Heels. There may be exceptions but they are few. Match a body-hitting shuffling cock against a head-hitter in Long Heels the former wins, in 1¼ Heels the head-hitter wins. Allow for chance, and you can lay it down as a rule that body blows are most fatal when Heels are long. In Short Heels the shuffling cock wastes his strength at his antagonist's body but does not bring him down, while a blow through his own head ends the battle. A strain of shuffling cocks I know are almost invincible in Long Heels—a grand rush, a desperate rough-and-tumble assault, a series of terrific shuffles and the other cock is dead or mortally wounded; but in Short Heels the same cocks are not able to win when matched against a strong head-hitter. They were bred for Long Heels and for Long Heels ONLY."



Chicago Heights, Ill., July 16, 1903.

Friend Gregory:—I have been so busy and away so much lately have had no time for anything, but will now try and give you a testimonial I think you justly entitled to. I have fought your make of Heels exclusively, fought them against all comers and all makes of Heels, and have never been out-cut yet. They have proven themselves cutters from the jump and that is what gets the money. As to workmanship they are unexcelled and you will always find me on your list. Out of the last 28 battles fought I have won 24 and that speaks for itself. Very truly,

FILL FISLER.

Fort Gaines, Georgia, June 30, 1903.

MR. W. C. GREGORY, Wilmington, Ohio.

My Dear Sir:—Perhaps I have tested your Gaffs as long as any customer you have, and I can still say what I wrote to you many years ago—after testing the first you sent me, "that I had never seen better cutters!"

In having you duplicate, my old favorite patterns for my customers, and in comparing a dozen blades at once, it was easy to see that your skill was of extraordinary type, for you had not only made perfect duplicates of the originals, but had duplicated by the dozen.

I have Gaffs of your make of such fine finish, such exquisite workmanship, as to excite inquiry from men who have handled Gaffs all their lives, as to the maker.

I do not hesitate in showing, to say, "I think I can show you the finest workmanship on Gaffs you have ever seen." Not one of the hundreds who have examined, have admitted that they had ever seen as fine.

It is not on your workmanship that I would compliment you, for that is of small value compared to the other qualities your Gaffs possess.

Very few people know the importance of a tempered Gaff blade, often large sums of money depend upon the strain that a blade can withstand. For years I believe this perfect tempering a lost art, and the few Gaffs that would not bend or break, an accident, but having thoroughly tested so many of yours through my customers, and in my own private tests, I am convinced that you possess this art, for I have never seen a pair break under any strain, nor had a single complaint.

As to their cutting, it must be admitted that Gaffs that could win three Mains one after the other, two of these without a single loss, every fight heeled by same man must have proper cutting shape.

I shipped the Cocks and the Gaffs that did this work, and will cheerfully give date and name of party who made this record.

F. E. GRIST.

The Machinery I Use.

While my Gaffs are strictly hand-made I have to use some machinery. All Gaff makers have to have a drill-press, emery wheels, etc., and no shop is complete without a lathe. I have a small gasolene engine, a good power drill-press, emery wheels, polishing wheels, lathe, forge, etc., etc. The pictures show every machine I have and I suppose every Gaff maker has the same. What machines I have are as good as I could buy—true and accurate, and do their part of the work right, but most of the work is done at the little benches you see in one of the pictures.

Hazlehurst, Georgia, July 10, 1903.

W. C. GREGORY, Fsq., Wilmington, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—I want a pair of 2½ Full Drop Socket Heels with a long flange of your old style. I want these heels for small cocks only and would thank you to make them as light as possible to stand, in fact I will be responsible for the breakage. I want them of your best set with the right heel well out. I would like to say that I have found your Heels as good as the best. In appearance they are as neat as any man's and their cutting qualities cannot be improved upon. Last year I let a party have a pair of your Gaffs and on last Fourth of July met him in a stag main and was badly worsted.

Yours truly,
C. M. MAHONE.

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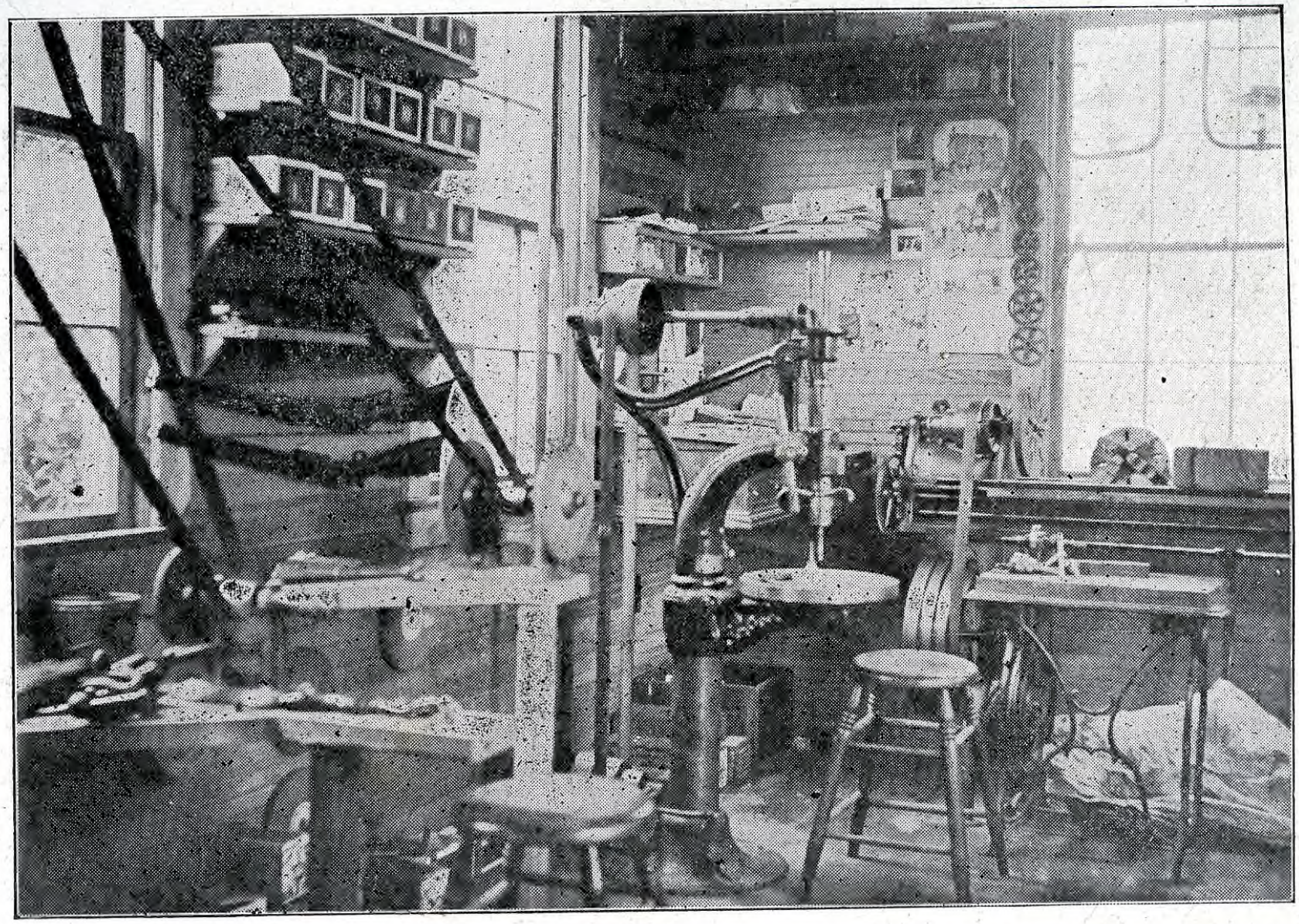
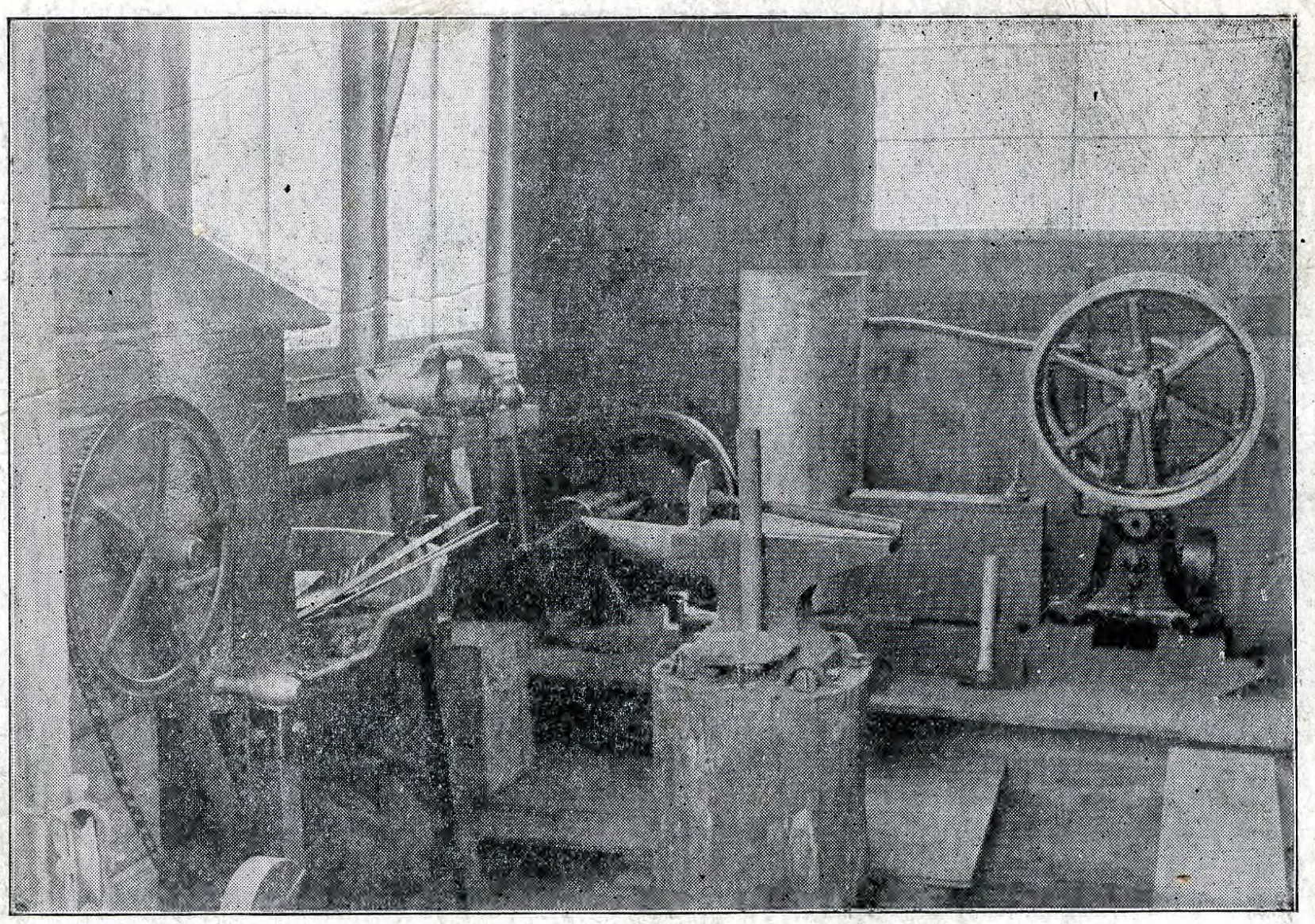


INTERIOR VIEW OF SHOP, SHOWING EMERY WHEELS, DRILL PRESS, LATHE, &c., &c.



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